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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TOSHIKI TAKAHASHI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW CONT. APPLN. :
(Based on PCT/JP02/12826)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: EXHAUST RING MECHANISM :
AND PLASMA PROCESSING :
APPARATUS USING THE SAME :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.